Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

March 2015

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering March 15th to 21st, 2015, there were 564,600 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is an increase of 6,600 from February 2015 and 6,400 more than the number employed in March 2014.

Agricultural employment was 39,700 persons in March 2015, up 900 from the February 2015 level and the same as the March 2014 agricultural employment level of 39,700. Non-agricultural employment was 524,900 persons in March 2015. This is an increase of 5,700 from the February 2015 non-agriculture employment level of 519,200 and 6,400 more than March 2014.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for March 2015 was 4.9 percent. This is a decrease of 0.6 percentage points from the February 2015 rate of 5.5 percent but 0.1 percentage points higher than the March 2014 level of 4.8 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 3,100 to 593,800 persons in March 2015 from 590,700 persons in February 2015. This is 7,300 more than the March 2014 labour force of 586,500 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 0.3 percentage points to 69.1 percent in March 2015 from 68.8 percent in February 2015. The March 2014 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.1 percent.

There were 29,200 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during March 2015. This is a decrease of 3,500 from February 2015 but is 900 more than the number unemployed in March 2014.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 572,900 persons employed in Saskatchewan in March 2015, up 7,000 from the February 2015 level of 565,900 and is up 6,700 from the March 2014 employment level of 566,200 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for March 2015 was 4.4 percent. This is a decrease of 0.6 percentage points from the February 2015 rate of 5.0 percent and 0.2 percentage points lower than the March 2014 rate of 4.6 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 8,000 persons in March 2015 to 17,574,000 persons from 17,582,000 persons in February 2015. In March 2014, there were 17,491,400 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.2 percentage points in March 2015 to7.4 percent from the February 2015 level of 7.2 percent. In March 2014, Canada's unemployment rate was 7.4 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 6.8 percent in March 2015. This is the same as the February 2015 level but 0.2 percentage points lower than the March 2014 level of 7.0 percent.

TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	March 2015	February 2015	March 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	18,980.8	18,945.5	18,895.6	35.3	85.2
Employed ('000)	17,574.0	17,582.0	17,491.4	-8.0	82.6
Full-Time ('000)	14,030.5	14,045.2	13,942.9	-14.7	87.6
Part-Time ('000)	3,543.5	3,536.8	3,548.5	6.7	-5.0
Unemployed ('000)	1,406.7	1,363.5	1,404.2	43.2	2.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.4	7.2	7.4	0.2	0.0
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.8	6.8	7.0	0.0	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	65.0	65.0	65.4	0.0	-0.4
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	593.8	590.7	586.5	3.1	7.3
Employed ('000)	564.6	558.0	558.2	6.6	6.4
Full-Time ('000)	463.2	457.1	454.5	6.1	8.7
Part-Time ('000)	101.4	100.8	103.7	0.6	-2.3
Unemployed ('000)	29.2	32.7	28.3	-3.5	0.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.9	5.5	4.8	-0.6	0.1
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.4	5.0	4.6	-0.6	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	69.1	68.8	69.1	0.3	0.0
ALBERTA					
Labour Force ('000)	2,410.8	2,416.1	2,350.9	-5.3	59.9
Employed ('000)	2,261.6	2,276.4	2,229.4	-14.8	32.2
Full-Time ('000)	1,859.3	1,894.0	1,853.4	-34.7	5.9
Part-Time ('000)	402.3	382.4	376.0	19.9	26.3
Unemployed ('000)	149.2	139.8	121.5	9.4	27.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.2	5.8	5.2	0.4	1.0
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.5	5.3	5.1	0.2	0.4
Participation Rate (%)	72.3	72.6	72.3	-0.3	0.0
MANITOBA					
Labour Force ('000)	668.8	664.9	648.6	3.9	20.2
Employed ('000)	632.5	628.0	612.5	4.5	20.0
Full-Time ('000)	507.8	507.6	491.4	0.2	16.4
Part-Time ('000)	124.7	120.4	121.2	4.3	3.5
Unemployed ('000)	36.3	36.9	36.0	-0.6	0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	5.5	5.6	-0.1	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.4	5.6	5.4	-0.2	0.0
Participation Rate (%)	68.0	67.6	66.7	0.4	1.3

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	March 2015	February 2015	March 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	593.8	590.7	586.5	3.1	7.3
Male	321.5	321.6	319.7	-0.1	1.8
Female	272.3	269.0	266.9	3.3	5.4
15-24 Years of Age	89.6	90.1	88.1	-0.5	1.5
25+ Years of age	504.1	500.5	498.5	3.6	5.6
EMPLOYED ('000)	564.6	558.0	558.2	6.6	6.4
Male	303.2	300.2	304.2	3.0	-1.0
Female	261.4	257.7	254.0	3.7	7.4
15-24 Years of Age	80.3	80.1	79.4	0.2	0.9
25+ Years of age	484.3	477.8	478.9	6.5	5.4
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	29.2	32.7	28.3	-3.5	0.9
Male	18.3	21.4	15.5	-3.1	2.8
Female	10.8	11.3	12.8	-0.5	-2.0
15-24 Years of Age	9.4	10.0	8.7	-0.6	0.7
25+ Years of age	19.8	22.7	19.6	-2.9	0.2
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	4.9	5.5	4.8	-0.6	0.1
Male	5.7	6.7	4.8	-1.0	0.9
Female	4.0	4.2	4.8	-0.2	-0.8
15-24 Years of Age	10.5	11.1	9.9	-0.6	0.6
25+ Years of age	3.9	4.5	3.9	-0.6	0.0
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	69.1	68.8	69.1	0.3	0.0
Male	74.3	74.4	74.9	-0.1	-0.6
Female	63.9	63.1	63.3	0.8	0.6
15-24 Years of Age	65.2	65.5	63.3	-0.3	1.9
25+ Years of age	69.9	69.4	70.3	0.5	-0.4

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	March 2015	February 2015	March 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	39.7	38.8	39.7	0.9	0.0
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	26.0	26.1	27.7	-0.1	-1.7
Utilities	6.2	6.1	5.7	0.1	0.5
Construction	51.4	53.8	52.7	-2.4	-1.3
Manufacturing	25.9	24.8	28.7	1.1	-2.8
Trade	83.3	84.0	83.3	-0.7	0.0
Transportation and Warehousing	29.1	28.1	30.2	1.0	-1.1
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	30.7	31.1	28.8	-0.4	1.9
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	24.4	24.4	26.3	0.0	-1.9
Business, Building and Other Support Services	14.8	13.7	11.4	1.1	3.4
Educational Services	48.4	45.2	45.3	3.2	3.1
Health Care and Social Assistance	75.5	73.8	73.3	1.7	2.2
Information, Culture and Recreation	16.7	16.6	16.1	0.1	0.6
Accommodation and Food Services	36.9	36.9	36.0	0.0	0.9
Other Services	25.7	24.5	24.0	1.2	1.7
Public Administration	29.9	30.0	28.9	-0.1	1.0
Total	564.6	558.0	558.2	6.6	6.4
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	463.2	457.1	454.5	6.1	8.7
Part-Time	101.4	100.8	103.7	0.6	-2.3
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	462.7	454.5	452.7	8.2	10.0
Public Sector	143.9	138.6	132.4	5.3	11.5
Private Sector	318.8	315.9	320.3	2.9	-1.5
Self-Employed	101.9	103.5	105.6	-1.6	-3.7

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	March 2015	February 2015	March 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,574.0	17,582.0	17,491.4	-8.0	82.6
Newfoundland & Labrador	225.4	224.1	231.9	1.3	-6.5
Prince Edward Island	68.9	69.8	69.8	-0.9	-0.9
Nova Scotia	431.7	433.9	431.1	-2.2	0.6
New Brunswick	341.3	339.1	346.8	2.2	-5.5
Quebec	4,012.0	4,003.6	3,988.7	8.4	23.3
Ontario	6,781.2	6,802.0	6,760.4	-20.8	20.8
Manitoba	632.5	628.0	612.5	4.5	20.0
Saskatchewan	564.6	558.0	558.2	6.6	6.4
Alberta	2,261.6	2,276.4	2,229.4	-14.8	32.2
British Columbia	2,254.9	2,247.1	2,262.5	7.8	-7.6
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	7.4	7.2	7.4	0.2	0.0
Newfoundland & Labrador	15.6	13.9	12.8	1.7	2.8
Prince Edward Island	13.6	12.2	13.8	1.4	-0.2
Nova Scotia	10.1	9.9	10.2	0.2	-0.1
New Brunswick	11.6	11.6	10.9	0.0	0.7
Quebec	8.3	8.0	8.7	0.3	-0.4
Ontario	7.3	7.0	7.6	0.3	-0.3
Manitoba	5.4	5.5	5.6	-0.1	-0.2
Saskatchewan	4.9	5.5	4.8	-0.6	0.1
Alberta	6.2	5.8	5.2	0.4	1.0
British Columbia	6.3	6.6	5.9	-0.3	0.4

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	March 2015	February 2015	March 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,914.6	17,885.9	17,776.5	28.7	138.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	234.9	234.9	241.1	0.0	-6.2
Prince Edward Island	73.6	74.1	73.6	-0.5	0.0
Nova Scotia	446.0	446.5	446.0	-0.5	0.0
New Brunswick	354.5	352.4	358.9	2.1	-4.4
Quebec	4,099.2	4,093.9	4,067.9	5.3	31.3
Ontario	6,902.1	6,900.1	6,865.1	2.0	37.0
Manitoba	640.7	634.6	621.5	6.1	19.2
Saskatchewan	572.9	565.9	566.2	7.0	6.7
Alberta	2,301.4	2,299.9	2,257.9	1.5	43.5
British Columbia	2,289.3	2,283.6	2,278.4	5.7	10.9
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	6.8	6.8	7.0	0.0	-0.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	13.3	12.6	11.6	0.7	1.7
Prince Edward Island	11.0	10.1	11.2	0.9	-0.2
Nova Scotia	9.3	9.1	9.0	0.2	0.3
New Brunswick	10.1	10.4	9.7	-0.3	0.4
Quebec	7.5	7.4	7.7	0.1	-0.2
Ontario	6.9	6.9	7.3	0.0	-0.4
Manitoba	5.4	5.6	5.4	-0.2	0.0
Saskatchewan	4.4	5.0	4.6	-0.6	-0.2
Alberta	5.5	5.3	5.1	0.2	0.4
British Columbia	5.8	6.0	6.0	-0.2	-0.2

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	March 2015	February 2015	March 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	6.6	5.8	5.2	0.8	1.4
Halifax	6.6	6.4	6.6	0.2	0.0
Saint John	9.7	8.8	7.1	0.9	2.6
Quebec	5.8	5.9	5.2	-0.1	0.6
Montreal	8.0	7.5	8.7	0.5	-0.7
Ottawa-Gatineau	7.1	7	6.6	0.1	0.5
Toronto	7.0	7	7.8	0.0	-0.8
Greater Sudbury	7.0	6.5	7.2	0.5	-0.2
Winnipeg	6.2	6	5.7	0.2	0.5
Regina	5.2	4.6	4.1	0.6	1.1
Saskatoon	5.6	5.3	4.9	0.3	0.7
Calgary	5.6	5	5.3	0.6	0.3
Edmonton	5.7	4.9	4.8	0.8	0.9
Vancouver	6.1	5.8	6	0.3	0.1
Victoria	5.2	4.9	5.6	0.3	-0.4
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	179.1	180.1	177.2	-1.0	1.9
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	53.8	53.4	52.2	0.4	1.6
Saskatoon-Biggar	192.6	194.4	192.2	-1.8	0.4
Yorkton-Melville	38.7	39.0	39.7	-0.3	-1.0
Prince Albert & Northern	96.0	95.8	97.1	0.2	-1.1

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	March 2015	February 2015	March 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	590.5	590.1	586.3	0.4	4.2
Employed ('000)	560.4	563.0	559.7	-2.6	0.7
Unemployed ('000)	30.1	27.1	26.6	3.0	3.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.1	4.6	4.5	0.5	0.6
Participation Rate (%)	68.8	68.8	69.2	0.0	-0.4
Employment Rate (%)	65.3	65.6	66	-0.3	-0.7
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	542.7	542.6	537.4	0.1	5.3
Employed ('000)	517.0	519.9	516.7	-2.9	0.3
Unemployed ('000)	25.7	22.7	20.6	3.0	5.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.7	4.2	3.8	0.5	0.9
Participation Rate (%)	69.4	69.5	69.6	-0.1	-0.2
Employment Rate (%)	66.2	66.6	66.9	-0.4	-0.7
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	47.8	47.5	48.9	0.3	-1.1
Employed ('000)	43.4	43.1	43	0.3	0.4
Unemployed ('000)	4.4	4.5	5.9	-0.1	-1.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.2	9.4	12.1	-0.2	-2.9
Participation Rate (%)	62.2	62.0	64.8	0.2	-2.6
Employment Rate (%)	56.5	56.2	57	0.3	-0.5
FIRST NATIONS					
Labour Force ('000)	18.0	18.0	18.2	0.0	-0.2
Employed ('000)	15.3	15.2	15.2	0.1	0.1
Unemployed ('000)	2.7	2.8	3	-0.1	-0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	14.8	15.6	16.4	-0.8	-1.6
Participation Rate (%)	55.6	55.8	57.1	-0.2	-1.5
Employment Rate (%)	47.4	47.1	47.8	0.3	-0.4
MÉTIS					
Labour Force ('000)	29.8	29.5	30.5	0.3	-0.7
Employed ('000)	28.1	27.8	27.6	0.3	0.5
Unemployed ('000)	1.8	1.7	2.9	0.1	-1.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.9	5.6	9.6	0.3	-3.7
Participation Rate (%)	67.5	66.9	70.4	0.6	-2.9
Employment Rate (%)	63.5	63.1	63.6	0.4	-0.1

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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